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May 11—'Jamaica: Its Flora, Scenery and Recent Disaster,' by Dr. M. A. Howe.

May 18—'Water Lilies and other Aquatic Plants; their Relation to Horticulture,' by Mr. G. V. Nash.

May 25—'The Influence of Vegetation in the Formation of Recent and Ancient Swamps,' by Dr. Arthur Hollick.

June 1—'Some Little-known Edible Fruits of the United States,' by Dr. H. H. Rusby.

In order to provide a method for viewing the collections of the garden under guidance, an aid will leave the front door of the museum building every week day afternoon at three o'clock, to escort all who may wish to accompany him. The routes will be as follows: Monday, Hemlock Forest and Herbaceous Garden; Tuesday, Pinetum; Wednesday, Fruticetum and North Meadows; Thursday, deciduous arboretum, nurseries, propagating houses; Friday, public conservatories; Saturday, museums.

*Nature* states that the Port Erin Biological Station has never been more fully used by workers in marine biology than during the present Easter vacation. From the last week in March onwards throughout April, systematic collecting at sea and investigations in the laboratory have been actively pursued by as many biologists as can be comfortably accommodated. During the first half of April ten to twelve investigators occupied seats in the laboratory, and about the middle of the month a dozen senior students came in addition. The researchers include Professor B. Moore (biochemistry), Dr. H. Roaf (physiology of crustacea), Mr. J. Pearson (cancer), Mr. R. D. Laurie (biometrics), Mr. W. J. Dakin (Pecten), Professor Herdman, Mr. Wollaston and Mr. Gunn, all from Liverpool University; Professor Hickson, Mr. Chaffers and Mr. Whitnall, from the Victoria University of Manchester; Mr. Unwin, from the University of Leeds; and Mr. Chadwick, the resident naturalist. Plankton collections, both surface and deep, are being taken periodically, at stated localities, over a limited area for statistical purposes, from the steam yacht *Ladybird*, and the usual sea-fish hatching and distribution of larval plaice is in progress.

WE learn from the *British Medical Journal* that the medico-historical collections of the 'Empress-Frederick House for Higher Medical Study' were recently opened. Professor Schjerning, Director-general of the Army Medical Department, was present, and the Prussian Ministry of Education, and the Imperial Board of Health sent delegates. Professor E. Hollander, to whose skill in collecting and special knowledge of medical history, the collection owes the greater part of its objects, made the opening speech. He pointed out the value of a historical collection for teaching purposes. It gives students the best insight into medicine and therapeutics of past ages, showing in what manner medical aid was carried out, and what were the notions entertained by doctors and laity as to the nature of disease. The collection was then inspected; it contains originals and copies of ancient apparatus, oil paintings, water colors, engravings, etc., state and municipal rescripts, coins, medals and many miscellaneous objects of interest. A special division of the collection has been set apart for sending on loan to other university towns.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

MR. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has given to the University of Chicago land fronting the south side of Midway Plaisance, extending from Madison Avenue to Cottage Grove Avenue. This property is said to have been acquired by Mr. Rockefeller at a cost of \$1,500,000 and to be now of considerably greater value.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE will receive \$192,000 by the death of E. W. Currier.

It is announced that a new physical laboratory will be erected at Princeton University through gifts whose source is not announced.

By the recent death of Mrs. Eliza Orne Ropes at Salem, Mass., public bequests to various institutions, amounting to \$1,500,000, made in trust by Mary Putnam Ropes, who died in 1903, were released. Of these Harvard will receive a bequest to endow the Nathaniel Ropes professorship of political economy. If, after the endowment of the professorship, any surplus remains it will go to the Peabody Museum of Archeology and Ethnology.

MR. THEODORE P. SHONTS will provide Drake University of Des Moines with fifty service scholarships of \$50 each.

MISS ANNA T. JEANES, of Philadelphia, has created an endowment fund of \$1,000,000, the income from which is to be applied toward the maintenance and assistance of elementary schools for negroes in the southern states.

MRS. RUSSELL SAGE has given \$75,000 to the Syrian Protestant College in Beirut, Turkey.

MR. BYRON E. WALKER has given his paleontological and geological collections and library to the University of Toronto.

THE statute of limitations was held to bar the Catholic University of America from recovering \$78,000 from John F. Waggaman, said to be due on notes executed to the late Thomas E. Waggaman.

It is said that the Louisiana State University will establish this year a medical department in New Orleans.

THE hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ezra Cornell was celebrated at Cornell University on April 26 and 27. On the first day the exercises were held in the Armory, and were presided over by President Schurman; an address on behalf of the trustees by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who was unable to be present through illness, was read; an address on behalf of the faculty was made by Dr. Andrew D. White, the first president of the university, and addresses were made on behalf of the alumni and students. On April 27 the new agricultural building was dedicated, and addresses were made by Governor Hughes, ex-Governor Batchelder, of New Hampshire, and Professor Liberty H. Bailey, dean of the College of Agriculture.

IN connection with the Yale Summer School Professor Gregory, who is one of the directors of the Connecticut Geological Survey, has arranged to take a class of teachers to the various parts of the state, where the most typical formations are to be found, and will lecture in the field to the class.

It is said that the principalship of the University of Toronto has been offered to Dr.

Robert A. Falconer, principal of Pine Hill College, Halifax.

DR. JOHN SCHOLTE NOLLEN, professor of German in Indiana University, has been elected president of Lake Forest University, Lake Forest, Ill. He takes charge on June 20, 1907.

At the University of Wisconsin, Professor H. L. Russell has been elected dean of the College of Agriculture to succeed Dean W. A. Henry, who has resigned. Otis A. Gage, now of the faculty of Cornell University, has been appointed assistant professor of physics; A. N. Winchell, now of the Montana School of Mines, assistant professor of mineralogy and petrography, and C. H. Hawes, of Cambridge University, lecturer in anthropology. The following promotions have also been made: From associate professor to professor, E. C. Elliott, education; Victor Lenher, chemistry. From assistant professor to associate professor, D. H. Otis, animal nutrition. From instructor to assistant professor, W. F. Dearborn, education; R. H. Denniston, botany; C. J. Davis, hydraulic engineering; J. H. Vosskuehler, machine design; J. G. Moore, horticulture; C. A. Ocock, engineering.

BENJAMIN L. MILLER, A.B. (Kansas), Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins), of the department of geology at Bryn Mawr College, has been appointed professor of geology at Lehigh University.

DR. H. W. STUART, of Lake Forest University, has been appointed assistant professor of philosophy, and Dr. George H. Sabine has been appointed instructor in philosophy at Stanford University.

LEGH W. REID, associate professor of mathematics in Haverford College, has been appointed professor of mathematics.

At Cornell University, Mr. R. P. Lay has been appointed instructor in experimental engineering, and Robertson Mathews in machine design.

DR. GRIMBERT has been appointed to a newly-established chair of biological chemistry in the School of Pharmacy of the University of Paris.